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## Chief Justice Robert Brutinel Inducted into Yavapai County Bar Association's Hall of Fame

PHOENIX – Chief Justice Robert Brutinel became the first-ever inductee of the Yavapai County Bar Association's Hall of Fame at a ceremony during the bar's annual holiday gathering held on Dec. 2 in Prescott.

Organizers with the Yavapai County Bar Association said Chief Justice Brutinel was an obvious choice for the honor, as a Prescott native who spent much of his early law career and first years on the bench in Yavapai County.

The Chief Justice was joined at the event by local judges, attorneys, family, and friends, including his former law partner Michael Murphy, who introduced him during Friday night's ceremony.

"I'm grateful to the members of the Yavapai County Bar for their professionalism and courtesy during the almost 30 years I practiced law in the county and served on the Superior Court," Chief Justice Brutinel said of the honor. "Particularly in light of the number of outstanding lawyers and judges who have served the citizens of Yavapai County, I'm honored and humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame."

The County's Bar Association members submitted nominations for the Hall of Fame, and board members voted on a final winner. The vote to induct Chief Justice Brutinel was unanimous.

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